



# The Hamilton Hinge



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## This Month's Program

On June 17th we hold our semi-annual member's auction. Please see page 3 for some suggestions on how to prepare your auction lots and how to fill in the auction sheet.

The formal meeting starts at 7:30 PM in the basement community room of the Hamilton Library. Come early if you would like to pick up some free publications, check out the APS circuit books or to chat with your fellow philatelists.

## Summer Program

We will be holding informal meetings in July and August. For the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, there will be a "swap meet". If you have some material you wish to trade or sell, please bring it to the meeting. Last year we had an informal show & tell along with some good conversation and baked goods.

On August 19<sup>th</sup>, we will hold "HAMPEX '08". Everyone will be asked to prepare a one or two 8½ x 11" page "exhibit" showing your collecting interests. We will have a set of poster boards so these can displayed around the meeting room. There will be prizes for the best displays.

### HTPS Meetings . . .

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Hamilton Township Public Library, 1 Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. Way (off of Whitehorse Mercerville Road) in Hamilton, NJ 08619.

## Election Results

Last month we elected a new slate of officers who will begin their duties at the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting:

President ..... Ed Murtha  
Vice President ..... Jeff Boyarsky  
Treasurer ..... Ron Gonzalez  
Secretary ..... Bob Stolarz

## President's Message



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members who make the Hamilton Township Philatelic Society such an exciting and vibrant organization. During the past year, we have had a number of interesting programs including presentations from members as well as several renowned outside speakers.

I'd particularly like to thank our outgoing Vice President Tony Zingale, Treasurer Joseph Pavelchak, Secretary Klaus Wagner, and Newsletter Editor Jack Sack for all their hard work in the past years.

This month, we will have our member's auction which is always a lot of fun. During the summer, we will be holding informal meetings. Try and stop by to share a few hours with your fellow philatelists.

Please have a happy and safe summer. I look forward to seeing you all back at the library on September 16<sup>th</sup> .... Ed

## The Year in Pictures

We thought the June issue would be a perfect place to showcase some of the club's highlights of the past year.



One of the primary goals of the club is to learn from each other. To the end, we encourage the members to make presentations on their favorite collecting interests. In October, Andrew Boyajian gave a talk on Anderson Cachets.



In February, long time HTPS member Tom Deluca gave a lecture on the use of George Washington on U.S. stamps.



We have also been honored to have a number of philatelic experts. In March, Steven Rod gave us his "Walk along Nassau Street" presentation.



In April, Cachet maker Fred Collins gave us a rare behind the scenes glimpse on the effort required to run a First Day cover business.

Not to be missed is our annual Holiday party held in December.

These members are checking out the wide variety of goodies.



In January we held the first of our two annual auctions. The auction is the most popular event of the year, judging by the turnout, and adds a few dollars to the club treasury. Here, members examine the lots prior to the bidding.



The interactions do not take place only at the meeting. These HTPS members met at the Hightstown Stamp Bourse.

## Society Auction

Its auction time again! Below is a description of the Auction process along with a sample Auction List sheet. The Auction Lot Listings on the next page will be updated on the HTTPS web site.

### Selecting Items for Auction

Give some thought to what you want to sell and what will attract bidders. Usually a limit of five (5) auction items per member is in effect. Some **considerations** for creating lots:

- Put up items that fellow members collect.
- Set realistic minimum bids.
- Lots rarely get more than 20-25% of CV.
- Choice and unique items do sell for more.
- Old catalogs, including foreign, are popular.
- Specialized reference publications are also good items.

### Preparing the Auction List Sheet

A description of each auction lot is entered onto the Auction List sheet as follows:

- Enter Seller's Name and Date at the top.
- Enter Item Name, Country or Scott #.
- Enter a Description of the item including condition, faults and catalog / retail values.
- Enter the minimum bid in 25c increments.

Use 2-3 lines if necessary and renumber the items on the Auction List sheet. Be realistic – common items usually go for a small fraction of catalog value (e.g., 10-20%).

### Identifying the Auction Lot Items

The Auctioneer does not have a copy of the Auction List sheet during the auction process. Therefore, it is important that you include a detailed description of the lot on the item itself.

- The **Item Description** on the lot for sale should match the Auction List description including the Item No.
- ...▪ You can use a label, glassine envelope or post-it notes for larger items.

## Auction Setup

Tables for auction materials will be available. Place your items on the table together with your Auction List form.

The Auctioneer will review items before the bidding begins. He may have some questions for you or ask for a more complete description of the item.

Now is your chance to look at the other items up for auction. Remember all items are SOLD AS IS. So check them out carefully.

Use tongs and magnifiers to check for hinge marks, faults, etc. Some stamp catalogs will be available for your use. For specialized items, talk to the Seller for details. Jot down items of interest for bidding. Plan your bidding strategy.

## Auction Process



The Auction **starts** after the formal meeting is adjourned. The Auctioneer selects an Auction List, hands it to the Control Clerk and begins the bidding process. Members bid by holding up a card containing their bidding number.

Bidding on each item starts with the Seller's **Minimum Bid**. Increments are 25c for items under \$10 and 50c for items \$10 and above. The Auctioneer may change increments for an item based on competitive bidding.

No bids accepted after the Auctioneer calls the item and hands it to the Control Clerk.

**Payments** are made after ALL auction items are sold. Winning Bidders pay for their items in U.S. currency only!

After ALL payments are made, the Sellers are paid the Sales Price MINUS a 10% commission for the Club. Amounts are rounded to 5 cent increments as needed.

## Auction List Sheet

We have included a blank copy of the Auction List sheet with this Newsletter. A copy is also available on the HTPS web site. Use either to enter your auction lots. Good luck !!!

If you wish to donate the sales proceeds for one or more lots to the Society, please indicate on the Auction List form or tell the Auctioneer.

Here is a sample completed Auction List sheet.

Auction List – Seller's Name: JOHN DOE			Date: 1-15-08		
Item No.	Item Name or Scott Number	Item Description and/or Condition (e.g., Blue Columbian, MNH, F-VF, Gum Crease)	Minimum Bid	Sales Price	Winning Bid Number
1.	Scott 2004	US SPECIALIZED CATALOG – good cond.	1 00		
2.	Scott PB	Album, 1901-1964 Commemoratives, no stamps, some mounts – ex. cond.	2 00		
3	* DENMARK	#9 // 126 (8) Used – CV \$75+	5 00		
4	* NETHERLANDS	200 DIFF USED – CV \$45	5 00		
5	* FDC ALBUM	with 25 two-up Clear Pages	3 00		
7.					
8.					
9					
10.					

Total Sales \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Commission (-10%) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Net to Seller \_\_\_\_\_

## Auction Lot Listings ... more to come

Here are SOME of the items up for auction along with the starting bids:

- US #537, 646 – MNH – CV \$21 (2.00)
- US #643 // 921 (30 diff MH) – CV \$40 (5.00)
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- GB #1 – Used, 4 margins – CV \$280 (100.00)
- Germany – 70 diff Used – CV \$70 (6.00)
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- Revenues (50 M/U diff) – ECV \$120 (10.00)
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- PPC: Holidays – 10 diff Mint / Used (4.00)
- PPC: Best Wishes – 10 diff Mint / Used (3.00)
- PPC: Humor – 25 diff Mint / Used (5.00)

- Scott 2005 Set or ???
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- US BEP S/Card Album w/10 Pages (1.00)
- UN Stamp & Block Album thru 1970 (1.00)
- M/Book Cover Album w/35 MBC's (1.00)
- US / UN Album w/Pages to 1982 (1.00)
- Pages for UN Margin Blocks thru 1973 (1.00)
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- ... and much more !!!

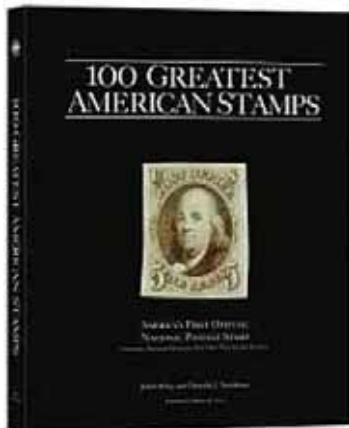
This list will be updated on the HTPS web site so check for additional entries. Contact Tony Z. if you want to add items to the web site list.



## Philatelic Pieces – Book Review

by Jeff Boyarsky

I recently acquired an excellent book for the Philatelist. It is the “100 Greatest American Stamps” written by Janet Klug and Donald J. Sundman.



"Collectors of the future will be inspired by the stamps described and pictured in this book. Some will be fortunate enough to actually acquire them and call them their own!"

... from the forward by William H. Gross

The selected stamps were voted on by leading collectors, dealers, researchers and historians. Some American stamps are miniature works of art. These stamps preserve the craftsmanship of yesterday's finest engravers.

Each stamp is photographed, enlarged and beautifully displayed in its striking color. Some stamps picked are unique and very high value; others are common and very obtainable. The history of each stamp and its market value over time is detailed. The authors also tell us how to collect and enjoy stamps, organizations to join, grading, conservation, and smart buying.

These stamps portray the history of our nation from Colonial America, prior to the Revolution, to the early days of a defiant young country. Starting with our first president, George Washington, and our first postmaster, statesman and inventor, Ben Franklin, who are depicted on the first postage issues printed in 1847, you can understand and relive the stories of our past.

The Civil War and the drama and tension of our people are demonstrated. Celebrate the nation's great festivals and expositions of the early 1900s. Some of the faces of our history appear on the stamps, including Abraham Lincoln, Thomas

Jefferson, Winston Churchill, Jefferson Davis, Elvis Presley and many more.

Steamboats and Astronauts, biplanes and buffalos, locomotives and ponies, Indians and military men and woman, eagles, politicians and explorers, stamp errors, revenue stamps, philatelic facts and much more await the reader and owner of this wonderful book.

The 132 page hardcover edition is available from the APS for \$29.95. You may find lower prices on some Web sites (Amazon.com, Booksamillion.com, etc.).

### NOJEX '08

Our thanks to those HTPS members who helped at the NOJEX stamp show in Secaucus over the Memorial Day weekend.

### Editors Note

As many of you may know, this is my last issue as editor of the *Hamilton Hinge*. It has been my pleasure to be the editor of the newsletter for the past two years. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed material for the newsletter, and my wife, Mary, for proof-reading each issue before it goes to press. ... Jack Sack



### Stamp Donations

Summer is a great time to sort through your stamp accumulation. Please consider donating your extra stamps for the Stamps for Wounded Vets and other worthwhile organizations. Please see Sherm Britton if you have any questions.

We are interested in any items of interest, articles, suggestions or ideas you might have.

Please write, call or email Tony Zingale at P.O. Box 3443, Mercerville, NJ 08619; 609-890-8211; [hamilton@att.net](mailto:hamilton@att.net).

## Summer Stamp Show Schedule

This summer is jammed-packed with stamp shows in our area almost every weekend. The highlight of the summer is the APS Summer Show and Convention being held at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford August 14-17.

### June 2008 . . .

- 6/01 – Parsippany Stamp Show – PAL Building, Parsippany, NJ
- 6/05 – Merchantville Stamp Club – Temple Lutheran Church – Pennsauken, NJ
- 6/07 – West Jersey Stamp Show – Masonic Hall, Cherry Hill, NJ
- 6/08 – Sunday Stamp Bourse – Holiday Inn – Cherry Hill, NJ
- 6/08 – Allentown Show – Merchant Square Mall – Allentown, PA
- 6/09 – Sunday Stamp Bourse – Holiday Inn – Cherry Hill, NJ
- 6/14 – Hightstown Stamp Bourse – American Legion Hall – Hightstown, NJ
- 6/15 – Saddle Brook Show – Holiday Inn – Saddle Brook, NJ
- 6/17 – **HTPS Meeting – Library – Hamilton**
- 6/18 – Merchantville Stamp Club – Temple Lutheran Church – Pennsauken, NJ
- 6/28 – Woodbridge Stamp Show – Hampton Inn Woodbridge, NJ

### July 2008 . . .

- 7/03 – Merchantville Stamp Club – Pennsauken
- 7/06 – Parsippany Stamp Show – PAL Building – Parsippany, NJ
- 7/11-13 – MetroExpo – Holiday Inn – NYC

- 7/12 – Hightstown Stamp Bourse – American Legion Hall - Hightstown
- 7/13 – Sunday Stamp Bourse – Holiday Inn – Cherry Hill
- 7/15 – **HTPS Meeting – Library – Hamilton**
- 7/16 – Merchantville Stamp Club – Pennsauken
- 7/20 – Saddle Brook Show – Holiday Inn – Saddle Brook, NJ
- 7/25 – Philly Show – Radisson Hotel – Rt. 1 & Old Lincoln Highway
- 7/26 – Woodbridge Stamp Show – Hampton Inn Woodbridge, NJ
- 7/31 – Merchantville Stamp Club – Pennsauken

### August 2008 . . .

- 8/03 – Parsippany Stamp Show – PAL Building, Parsippany, NJ
- 8/09 – Hightstown Stamp Bourse – American Legion Hall – Hightstown, NJ
- 8/10 – Sunday Stamp Bourse – Holiday Inn – Cherry Hill, NJ
- 8/10 – Allentown Show – Merchant Square Mall – Allentown, PA
- 8/11 – Sunday Stamp Bourse – Holiday Inn – Cherry Hill, NJ
- 8/15-17 – APS Stamp Show – Hartford, CT
- 8/17 – Saddle Brook Show – Holiday Inn – Saddle Brook, NJ
- 8/19 – **HTPS Meeting – Library – Hamilton**
- 8/20 – Merchantville Stamp Club – Pennsauken
- 8/23 – Woodbridge Stamp Show – Hampton Inn Woodbridge, NJ
- 8/29-31 – **MERPEX XXXII – Masonic Hall, Cherry Hill, NJ**

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The purpose of this newsletter is to promote philately, inform our members and to encourage other like-minded individuals to attend the monthly meetings of the Society.

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